

2 June 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

THROUGH : Deputy Director for Support
SUBJECT : CIA Participation in the National Security Affairs
Research Group at the National War College

1. I learned from Colonel Collins this morning that General McPherson had already gathered from General Cushman that CIA might not be able to provide a member for the new research group at the National War College. They would still be glad to receive a nomination, if possible by 15 July when the group intends to organize, or by 1 August at the latest. The group will consist of two representatives each from the Army, Navy, and Air Force, one from the Marine Corps, and, they hope, one each from State and CIA. It appears however that State may also not be able to provide a candidate this year.

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2. Colonel Collins repeated the comments you had already heard about [redacted] but made it sound as if [redacted] lukewarmness to the idea was one of the factors in suggesting he was not suitable.

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3. I attach a list of CIA graduates from the war colleges and the Senior Seminar of the Foreign Service Institute with the grades of those who are still in the outfit. As you may remember the qualifications which Colonel Collins said they would like to have fulfilled were as follows:

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a. He should be a graduate of a senior service college or of the Foreign Service Institute's Senior Seminar in Foreign Policy and should have an advanced degree as well as practical experience on senior military and civilian staffs concerned with national security policy and strategy.

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b. He should be of equivalent rank to the military members (Lt. Colonel or Colonel) of the Group, i.e., GS-14 or GS-15.

c. He should be interested in full-time research dealing with the field of theoretical and conceptual strategy.

We have checked once more with the DD/I's office to see whether there is any alternative candidate in mind. Since there is not it looks as if our finding a candidate will depend on your seeing a suitable name in the attached list.

4. Colonel Collins will await word from me as to whether we can nominate another candidate.

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Attachment

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